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UNIQUE SUICIDE IN PORTSMOUTH

Wounded Criminal Removes His Bandages

AND BLEEDS TO DEATH

William Bullock Had a Very Bad Record.

CHOSE DEATH BY HIS OWN HAND

N. J. Officers Were on Way From Richmond to Portsmouth With Extradition Papers, Upon Which Bullock was to Have Been Carried to That State to Stand Trial For Murder.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., December 8.-William afternoon before New Jersey Sheriff Davidson reached Portsmouth jail with the extradiction papers granted by Governor Tyler; Bullock apparently desiring to die of the gun-shot wounds, inflicted by the detectives who captured him, instead of on the gallows, tore the bandages from his wounds and bled to death.

Sherin Davidson and Special Officer Strong yesterday received a rendition war-rant from Governor Tyler, on a requisi-tion from the Governor of New Jersey, up-on which to take Eullock back to that

afternoon.

Bullock is said to be a desperate negro, and was to have been tried for murder for the third time in New Jersey, having sucroceded in getting off on the two former occasions. He was under indictment and was awaiting trial in the jail at Free-hold, N. J. for the murder of Constable James Walsh, on November 13, 1899. He brike Jail and was arrested by detectives in Portsmouth some days ago, having the detection of the programment of the portsmouth some days ago, having the portsmouth would with buckshot while fore he could be taken to New Jersey.

LOST ALL, WANTED TO DIE-

Victim of Thursday Night's Fire Tries to Commit Snicide.

semi-demented state as a result worry over the loss of all her effects by the fire last Thursday night, Mrs. Annie Cornell tried to commit suicide yesterday

"Everything I had in the world was swept away by fire. I have nothing Belt to live for, and I do not want to

Mrs. Cornell's actions and her desire to sloep showed that her statement regarding the landanum was true. The colored woman hastily idephoned for the ambu-lance. It arrived promptly, and Dr. W. Armis-cod Gills, after the most vigor-ous measures and long work, succeeded

at the white almshouse, where she will be kept until she has fully recovered. Mrs. Cornell has a husband, but no

rnells were left in no more desti-The Cornells were left in no more desti-tute condition than were several other families whose houses were visited by the flames. They were left absolutely homeless and without beds to sleep upon. A praminent city officer, who was touched by the scenes at the fire, has offered a contribution to relieve the distress of these unfortunate people. Domations to this cause will be received at this office and diverted to the proper channel.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Loss Estimated at \$300,000, Covered by Insurance.

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—The extensive stores and stock of the Baltimore Bargain House, at Nos. 212 to 220 West Baltimore

Street, were totally destroyed by fire this morning, and the stock and building of Gretjan, Lobe & Co., which adjoins it, were considerably damaged.

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The Baltimore Bargain House, of which Mr. David Epstein is the head, is one of the largest concerns of the kind in the South and had a large holiday stock on hand. Mr. Epstein is as yet unable to give an accurate estimate of the loss on stock, but roughly places it at \$55,000.

Grotjan, Look & Co., estimate their loss at \$5,000, while the loss on the buildings will probably swell the total to \$300,000, all being fully covered by insurance.

Fireman John Flynn had a miraculous eccape from being killed. He fell five stories. Flynn was on the roof of the building, when overcome by smoke, he lost his balance. In his fall, the fireman struck three different times on a zig-zag arrangement of rain spouts. Each gave way, but cuch breke the momentum of his fall. When picked up he was unconsclous, but revived shortly, when it was discovered that the only injuries he had received were a number of briless. had received were a number of bruises on his shoulders and a broken ankle.

FIRED ACROSS HER BOWS.

Steamer Hathor Threatened in Colom bian Waters.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN DIEGO, CAL. Dec. 8.—The Kosmos steamer Hathor, which has arrived here, was threatened with bombardment in Combian waters. While steaming along the river the officers and crew were sur-

prised to hear a cannon ball whiz across the bows. Three revolutionists came aboard, stating that a blockade had been declared of the port of Buena Ventura. The Hather put about and discharged her freight at Carinto.

MORE SHIPS PROBABLE.

Naval Bill to Provide for Two Battles ships and Two Cruisers. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.-It is said that the forthcoming naval appropriation bill now being framed by the House Committee on Naval Affairs will contain provision for two more battleships and

two armored cruisers.

Admiral Hichborn, chief of the Bureau of Construction, was before the committee to-day, His estimates are about \$21,000,000 for the construction already

THE AGREEMENT HERE.

Now Being Translated from the Cipher Code. (B) Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The text of the agreement reached between the Powers at Pekin, has been received at the State Department, and is now in process of translation from the cypher code.

NO INTERVENTION.

Holland Has No Intention of Taking Up Boer Cause.

(By Associated Press.) ANTWERP, December 8.—A special from he Hauge says Holland has no intention o intervene in favor of arbitration in the

Telegraphic Brevities.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 8.—Lord Roberts arrived here to-day from Port Elizabeth. He was accorded a splendid reception.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Dec. 8.—The engagement was announced to-day of Miss Clara Longworth, of this city, and Count De Chambrun, of Paris.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—Consul Gun-mere has been authorized by the State Department to defer his proposed visit to the capital of Morocco, on account of the fact that certain Moorish festivals are to occur during the next six weeks, prevent-ing the transaction of business.

COLOGNE, Dec. 8 .- A bridge at Differ dinger, in the Grand Duchy of Luxem-burg, collapsed to-day as an express train was passing over it, and the train plunged into the stream. Five persons were killed and eight badly injured.

MADRID, December 8.—A collision oc-curred to-day between Ovejo and Vacar on the railroad from Cordova to Bel-mere. As a result of the accident, seven persons are dead and twelve are suffer-ing from injuries sustained. BRUSSELS, Dec. 8.-The River Senne has overflowed the suburbs and inundated a portion of the city. The Rue de Circle is under water. Inhabitants are impris-ored in their houses, and some stock has

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8.—Through care-essness, eight persons at Sandviken have seen poisoned by drinking tea. Three of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Long to-day cabled instructions to Cap-tain Chester, at Constantinople, to pro-ceed with the Kentucky to Manila to re-place the Oregon on the Asiatic station.

Hall Thieves at Work.

About 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon a smeak ihief entered the hall of the resi-lence of Mr. John Tyler, No. 516 West Franklin Street, and stole two handsome hats from the hall rack. Both the belonzed to Mr. Tyler. They were thirty-six inches in the bust. One w long dark frock coat of melton he other was a light sack over-

CREED REVISION IS RECOMMENDED

Presbyterian Committee Concluded Its Discussion Yesterday

and Adjourned. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- After two

nours' deliberation to-day the Presbyterian Committee concluded its discussion of the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith and adjourned.

The committee find on examination of the returns from the Presbyteries the following facts:

One-That the returns plainly indicate that the Church desires some changes in its credul statement.

Two-These returns indicate plainly that no change is desired which would in any way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the Confession of Three-These returns also indicate that

large plurality desire that changes hould be made by some new statement f present doctrines. Fourth—The returns also indicate a de-

ire upon the part of many Presbyteries or some revision of the present confes-

Fifth-It was, therefore, unanimously agreed by the committee to recommend to the General Assembly that some revision change be made in our confessional

The committee will convene in this city on February 12th next, to finally prepare the statement to the General Assembly in

Duties in the Philippines. (By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Dec. 8.—The Philippine Commission has prepared a bill fixing the duties upon imports and exports. Under its provisions importations from the United States into the island are dutiable. The importation of exposives, high wines, articles under false trade mark, and approximately used in causes of chance and approximately and approximately are supported in causes of chance and in causes of chance are supported in cause of chance are supported aratus used in games of chance are pro-The rates of duty have not yet been perfected.

Interest Asticipated. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that the interest due on January 1st on 4 per cent, 1907 bonds and 2 per cent, 1930 cut. He prepaid without rebate. The coupons he prepaid without rebate. The coupons light and the prepaid without rebate. The coupons her light and the prepaid without rebate.

FREIGHT WRECK ON THE BELT LINE

ton Last Night.

SWITCH LEFT OPEN. A FORMER CHAPLAIN

Colored Fireman Crushed to Death Under Tender.

ENGINEER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Found Standing on His Head in the Overturned Cab, His Feet Hung in the Chain of the Fire Box, Locomotive and Twelve

Cars Demolished.

Traffic Delayed,

s known as the Belt Line, the connecting ink between the Richmond, Fredericksourg and Potomac Railroad and the Atantic Coast Line, about a half a mile north of Clopton Station, just oueside of Manchester, last night, in which Robert Boyd, a colored fireman, was instantly killed; an engineer and two brakemen were slightly injured, and an engine and

welve cars demolished. It was the same old story of an open switch. The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rallroad Company's shiftng crew were delivering a string of thirty freight cars to the Atlantic Coast Line. These cars were standing on what is known as the north "Y," about a half a mile north of Ciopton. No engine was attached to them, and the brakes were loosened that they might run into a siding. The switch was turned the wrong way and the cars were let in on the main line and were met by local freight train No. 99, which was coming north an hour and a half late, and running about thirty miles

FIREMAN KILLED OUTRIGHT. Engine No. 25, attached to the local

Engine No. 25, attached to the local freight, was completely wrecked and overturned, catching Robert Boyd, the colored fireman, living in Weldon, N. C., beneath the tender and killing him instantly.

Engineer Flippin, of Manchester, was found standing on his head in the cab of the overturned engine and suspended by his feet from the chain of the fire-box. He was slightly bruised, but was able to walk and will soon be all right, though his escape was considered as miraculous. The other persons hurt were two brakemen, Ben Powell and Jesse Butts, on the local freight, who were slightly injured. The train was in charge of Conductor J. N. Laughan, of this city, who escaped without a scratch.

All traffle from the South was delayed about five hours, it being flearly midnight

All traine from the South was delayed about five hours, it being flearly midnight before the track was cleared. The body of the colored fireman was brought to Richmond last night to be prepared for burial, and will probably be shipped to Weldon today. Weldon to-day.

A SCENE OF CHAOS.

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The scene of the wreck presented a chaotic picture, the engine being overturned and badly battered, while the track for some distance was strewn with the debris of the splintered freight cars.

The wrecking crew was on hand promptly, and worked hard to clear the track. From what could be learned last night, it seems to have been the business of the shifting crew of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, who were transferring the freight cars to the Atlantic Coast Line, to see that the switch was right. It seems almost a miracle that the whole crew of the local freight were not klied, their escape having been a very killed, their escape having been a very

arrow one. The Cannon Ball train from Norfolk, The Cannon Ball train from Norloik, and passenger train No. 78 from the south, having been delayed at Clopton, a special car was run by the Belt Line to Acca and thence to Byrd-Street Station, bringing the Passengers from both trains for Richmond.

TWENTY INJURED.

Wreck on P. W. & B. Road in Wes Philadelphia. (By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8,-Twenty

persons were injured to-day in an accident on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad at Gray's Ferry Station, in West Philadelphia. An empty box car jumped the track and damaged several of the passenger coaches on the express train which leaves Washington at 11 A. M. for New York.

Miss Emma Doughtery, of Chester, had both legs broken, and is in a critical condition, and Miss Ella Little, also of Ches-

ter, was dangerously injured. The express train was made up of three The express train was made up of three Pullman cars, a dining car and six day coaches. The latter were filled with residents of Chester, Pa., and most of the injured were of their number, Following is the list of injured:

Illehard Harnes, brakeman of express, fusers combad.

ingers crushed., Mrs. G. W. Blackwell, St. Louis, leg Mrs. H. B. Bower, Wilmington, serious Miss Margaret Burke, Uplands, Pa., cut

thout face and body.
Miss Emma Dougherty, Chester, both legs broken. Miss Louisa Culin, Philadelphia, scalp

Anna Dougherty, Chester, scalp wounds Anna Bougnerty, Chesser, scarp woulds, Graham Glass, Baltimore, leg fractured, F. S. Holloway, Hotel St. Denis, New York, slight injuries. J. Jackson, Wilmington, seriously in-

Ella Little, Chester, probably fatally hurt. Miss Aimee McDaniels, Uplands, Pa. face and body cut.

J. Mahaney, Chester, slight injuries.

jured.

Mrs. K. M. Maloney, Chester, seriously injured about the chest.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Colawin, Pa., general lacerations.
*William M. Page, Wilmington, genera lacerations.
Clarence Pullen, New York, badly

bruised. Kate Raefield, Chester, head lacerated. Mabel Smith, Wilmington, head and body Henry Matthews, Philadelphia, interna

injuries.

About thirty others were slightly inl jured by broken glass, but were not taken to the hospitals.

MINISTER SPEAKS FOR THE CANTEEN

Big Smash-Up Near Clop- Does Much to Restrict Drunkenness.

His View the Result of Observation in the Philippines.

WOMEN BEFORE COMMITTEE.

They One and All Appealed to Senate Committee on Military Affairs to Adopt the Anti-Canteen Amendment to the Army

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The Senate Committee on Military Affairs to-day coninued its hearing upon the anti-canteer provision of the military bill, hearing, in addition to a number of short speeches in advocacy of the provision, a protest igainst it from Rev. Mr. Millar, who served fourteen months as an army chaplain in the Philippines.

Mrs. Thatcher, of New Jersey, appealed for the abolition of the canteen on financial grounds, saying that it caused soldiers to squander not only their health and their time, but their money as well. Mrs. Kells, of Mississippi, spoke for the mothers of the soldier, saying that all of them favored the suppression of the li-

quor traffic.

Mrs. Ingalls, of St. Louis, said she knew of many soldier boys who had contracted the liquor habit at the canteen.

Miss Kearney, of Mississippi, said she had been informed that General Eagan had been a notable exception among general army officers in favoring the canteen. FOLLOWS THE FLIG.

Mrs. Allison, W. C. T. U., superintendent of legislation, said that official statistics show that the liquor traffic is literally following the American flag in the tropics. She presented figures to show that the liquor exportations from the United States to Cuba for the first five months of 1899 had reached \$172,200, as against \$10,766 for the entire year of 1893.

In the Philippines and Parto Rico there had been a corresponding increase.

Mr. Millar gave his uneserved endorsement to the canteen, aid said that this view was the result of actual observation view was the result of actual observation in the Philippines. We declared himself to be a temperance man, and said that it was because for its such he took this position. In the Philippines the canteen is not, he said, the low grog shop that it has been discribed, but is entitled to be called a post exchange, as it officially is called.

RESTRICT DRUNKENNESS.

He was sure that these exchanges do He was sure that these exchanges do much to restrict drunkenness. The reason for his position was found in the fact that if the soldiers could not get the lager beer and the light wines supplied at the canicens, they would patronize the low groggeries kept by the natives where only vino is sold. This liquor he described as especially harmful to health, and said its effect often was almost to cause insanity. Many vino "joints" had been destroyed by the establishment of the canteen.

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Mr. Millar express d the opinion that are favorable to the canteen, and also said that the enlisted men want it. He quoted written opinions from post com-manders in the Philipines in support of

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, De. 8.-Under a special order adopted at the last session, the House devoted the dar, after I o'clock, to paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Alfred C. Harmer, of ennsylvania.

Pennsylvania.

When the House mt a bill was passed to include cherries it the list of fruits from which brandy cm be distilled under rection 325 of the Revised Statutes. At the conclusion of the eulogies, the House, as an additional mark of respect, adjourned.

KRUGER SEESTHE QUEEN.

The Visit Was Atended With Very Little Coemony.

(By Associted Press.)
THE HAGUE, December 8.—Queen Wilhelming received Preident Kruger in au-Hence to-day. As the Boer Statesman was travelling incognito, the visit was not attended by the cereaony usually paid to chief of State.

Typhoid in Sing Sing. (By Associated Press.)

SING SING, N. 1, Dec. 3.—Warden Johnson announced b-day that typhoid had broken out among the convicts in Sing Sing prison. Thre are now seventeen cases of typhoidin the prison hospital and additional cases are developing.

Seeks a Conference With Salisbury. (By Associate Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 9.—, special dispatch from The Hague, saysthat it is reported that Mr. Kruger is seking to obtain a conference with Lord Silsbury.

Miss Stuckey lemoved. Miss Bessle Stuckeyhas greatly imroved from her recent wounds and was removed yesterday aftraoon from the Virginia Hospital to hir rooms at Dr Winn's Nurses' Home a Fifth Street.

Gabriolowich Concert,

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The date of the gran concert by Gabriolowitsch, the world-relowed pianist, is fast approaching. May have already placed their names on the subscription list at Walter D. Moss & Co.'s store, thereby insuring themslives good seats. All who desire to subscibe should do so by Wednesday next, agthet is the date set for subscribers to take their saler. by Wednesday next, as that is the date set for subscribers to take their selection of seats. Sale opes at Walter D. Moses & Co.'s, No. 103 Fist Broad Street, at 9:30 A. M. What fw seats are left and standing-room ticks will be placed on sale at the box-offic of the Academy Friday morning. December 14th.

Ossip Gabrilowitsch is ot simply a great wirtuoso with unlimite technical skill, virtuoso with unlimite technical skill, but he is especially noted for his wonder-ful interpretation and epression.

TAKE STEPS TO REDISTRICT CITY

Clay Ward Actives Act on This Important Matter.

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Will Prepare a Plan Looking to Fair Representation in Council.

MR. POLLARD'S RESOLUTION

It is Discussed at Length and Will Form Basis of Action-All Democratic Organizations Invited to Co-sperate in the Undertaking-Busy Session

of the Club.

The Clay Ward Actives, at their regular meeting at Belvidere Hall last night, appointed a committee of ten to prepare a plan looking to the redistricting of the the City Council. The object of this step is to divide Clay Ward and to rearrange the other wards of the city so as to put each ward on ar fair and equal footing. and to change the representation in the Council, and provide for a proportion of theuermen and Councilmen to be elected from the city-at-large instead of from the wards. It is a movement to abolish er diminish to a large extent ward polities, and to bring about a fairer distribution of the funds appropriated for public Improvements from year to year. All prominent Democratic clubs are invited to co-operate with the Actives in

this undertaking. The meeting was one of the largest the ciub has held in years for the transactio of business. Mayor R. M. Taylor, Judge George L. Christian, Mr. Henry W. Roun tree, Colonel John S. Harwood and many other prominent citizens were in attend

Mr. John Garland Pollard was unanimously elected a member of the club. THE NEW COMMITTEES.

Chairman Carter submitted the report of the Advisory Board of the club recommending the standing committees for the ensuing year as follows:
"Your Advisory Committee begs leave to present the following named members of the club for appointment by the Committees on Finance Statistics and New mittees on Finance, Statistics, and New Members.

Members,

"Finance—Robert Whittet, Jr., (chairman); Samuel H. Correll, J. P. Pettus, H. R. Pollard, Robert E. Peyton,

"Statistics—E. C. Walthal (chairman), Isaac Diggs, C. E. Hill, M. R. Pace, and J. A. Frith,

"New Members—H. C.Calder (chairman, Charles J. Phillips, William, Gibson, Ir., Charles J. Phillips, William, Gibson, Ir.

Charles I. Phillips, William Gibson, Jr., J. H. Kracke, and P. H. Bowis. "Respectfully signed, "JOHN S. HARWOOD, "A. C. HARMON.

"R. L. WINSTON,
"R. L. MONTAGUE,
"O. A. HAWKINS,

The report of the committee was adopted on motion of Mr. Boschen. DIVISION OF THE WARD. Under the head of unfinished business Mr. John Garland Pollard offered the fol-

Ward, and yet the ward has no great representation in the City Council tha the other wards of the city, having lethan one-half its population and about one-fifth of its taxable real estate value and, whereas, this condition is a violation of the expressed provision of the city charter (chap. I, sec. 3), as well as of the principles of representative governmen and has resulted in depriving the citizens of our ward of their just share in the management of the affairs of the city and deprived the ward of its proper p portion in the city's revenues, used in street and other improvements, therefore

"First. That we hereby respectfully as

peal to the City Council for correction of this injustice.
"Second, That a committee, consisting Second, that a committee, consisting of seven members, be appointed by the chair, with instructions to take all honorable steps towards securing for the citizens of this ward their just share in the management of the affairs of the city, either by having the ward divided or by having the whole city redistricted so as to accomplish the purpose mentione!

complish the purpose mentioned.
"Third, That we carnestly request the active aid of the representatives of this ward in the City Council towards accomplishing the purposes here set out.
"Fourth, That the secretary of this organization be instructed to send a copy of
these r-solutions to the City Council."

SUBJECT DISCUSSED. The resolutions were freely discussed the club hearing first from Mr. Henry L the club hearing first from Mr. Henry L. Carter, who was for many years a member of the Board of Aldermen from Clay Ward. Mr. Carter said that the question of dividing Clay Ward was not a new one to its representatives in the City Council. He referred to three or four efforts in the past to bring about such a division of the ward or redistricting of the entire city, as it would do away with the hardships to which Clay Ward had been subjected, but declared that ward politics had defeated these movements. He was had defeated these movements. He was sorry to say that representatives of the other wards had combined and prevented Clay Ward from getting what she was entitled to according to the population and the amount of taxes she paid into the

ity trensury.
Mr. Carter thought the whole city should be redistricted, and that the representa-tion in the Council should be changed. He suggested that there should be seven wards instead of six, and that each ward wards instead of six, and that each ward should elect one Alderman and two Coun-cilmen, and there should be seven Alder-men and seven Councilmen elected by the city at large. The Allermen and Councilmen chosen by the city at large, he said, would act as a check upon any ward manipulation on the part of the others.

Mr. John Garland Pollard spoke briefly

Mr. John Garman Poliard spoke arrelly to his resolutions, saying that Clay Ward had 22,000 inhabitants, according to the last census, while the other wards averaged only about one-half that number, altimeted the control of Clay Ward only a aged only about bre-hat namer, making a citizen of Clay Ward only a half a citizen, so far as representation in the municipal legislature was concerned. He said the people of Clay Ward had been done a great injustice, and that the object of his measure was to prevent this injustice in the "tuture." I am in favor," and Mr. Pollay! "In the event we cannot said Mr. Pollard, "in the event we canno get this at the hands of the City Council, splendid basement.

of going before the Legislature, when it meets in extra session, and making a fight for it there."
Councilman William Gibson, in correcting some statements made by Mr. Poilard as to the share of the street appropriations Clay Ward had received in the past, said in 1897 Clay Ward got 25 per cent, of the entire appropriation, in 1898 she got 25 1-4 per cent, and in 1900 she received 29 per cent, of the entire appropriation.

The club called upon Judge George L. Christian for his views upon the subject under consideration. Judge Christian said he concurred in the suggestions of Chairman Carter entirely, and referred to the great strides Memphis had made since the abolishment of the plan by which that

great struces mempins and made since the abolishment of the plan by which that city elevted its Aldermen and Councilmen from the several wards. Any system of log-rolling in municipal politics, the Judge declared to be victous and disastrous in

Messrs. Robert Whittet, Jr., and Mayor Taylor were called upon, but declined to discuss the matter at this time.

Ex-Alderman R. T. Davis thought the city should be redistricted, and Col. John S. Harwood asked if Mr. Bloomberg did S. Harwood asked if Mr. boomsets, and have, pending before the Council, a measure looking to the redistricting of the city. He was informed that Mr. Bloomberg had offered a resolution along this line, but that it had been tabled.

COL. HARWOOD'S MOTION. Messrs, Isaac Diggs and H. W. Roun Messrs. Isaac lings and H. W. doubtee spoke briefly on the subject of redistricting the city, and Col. John S. Harwood moved that the resolutions offered by Mr. Pollard be referred to a committee of five members of the Clay Ward Actives, who should be directed to prepare a plea for the redistricting of the entire city and providing for such change as to a pica for the redistricting of the entire city, and providing for such change as to representation in the City Council as ap-peared for the best interest of the city generally, said committee to report at a

future meeting of the club.

This motion was unanimously adopted after being amended so that the committee would be composed of nine men, five members of the club, and four other citi-Clay Ward, not members of the

zens of Clay Ward, not members of the Clay Ward Actives.
The chair appointed this committee as follows: Messrs. John Garland Pollard, chairman; John S. Harwood, Isaac Diggs, H. C. Calder and E. L. Winston from the club, and Judge George L. Christian, H. W. Rountree, George W. Hooper and W. A. Crenshaw as outside citizens. On motion First Vice-President Henry L. Carter was added to the committee.
The other permanent Democratic clubs

The other permanent Democratic clubs of the city were invited to co-operate in this movement, and a committee, composed of Col. John S. Harwood and Messrs, Isnac Piegs and John Garland Follard, was uppointed to visit these clubs and urge them to take a hand in the work. After the transaction of some important routine business the club adjourned.

OFFICIALS DENY IT. They Say There is No Trauble at the Postoffice.

The report printed in another paper to the effect that detectives and special igents of the Government are here investigating postoffice matters is emphati-cally denied by Mr. John L. Grubbs, the assistant postmaster, who has charge of the office during the temporary absence from the city of Postmaster Knight. Mr. Grubbs said he had never heard of the ru-

mor until he saw it in print.
Mr. Frank P. Burke, the superintendent
of the city delivery, said it was all news
to him, and Cashler Marriott stated that to him, and clasher Marriot sate that he had heard of nothing upon which such a report could be based.

The published story is that a postoffice burglar has been here receiving mail at the general delivery window, and that Sergeant-Detective Tomlinson and others are trying to capture him.

Big Order for Steel Rails, (By Associated Press.)

(CLEVELAND, OHIO. Dec. 8.—The Vanderbilt interests have placed orders with three mills for one hundred thousand tons of steel rails at \$25 per ton. This breaks up the organized efforts of the railroads to force the price down to \$22.

NEW THEATRE IS NOW A CERTAINTY

Deeds Filed Transferring to Mr. George Arents Property to Be Used as Its Site.

Three deeds were entered of record in the office of the clerk of the Chancery Court yesterday afternoon, two of which are of special interest to the people of Richmond. The latter transfer to Mr. George Arents, of New York, 166 feet of and at the southeast corner of Main and Adams Streets, with the improvements thereon, which constitute the site of a magnificent theatre Mr. Arents proposes to erect. The other piece of property is situated at the southeast corner of Grove Avenue and Lombardy Streets, and it is Avenue and Lombard Streets and an investment. It was sold to Mr. Arents by the Old Dominion Building and Loan Association, the consideration being \$15,000 ceb.

The property at the corner of Main and Adams Streets extends along Adams Street 151 feet and 10 inches to an alley, Adams Streets extends along Adams Street 151 feet and 10 inches to an alley, and is regarded as an ideal spot for a fine play-house, such as Mr. Arents proposes to build. Negotiations for this real estate have been pending for some time. The property embraces what is known as the old Crenshaw home, fronting 63-12 feet on Main Street, which was owned by Misses Ann W. Mary G. and Abigai Crenshaw, and a tract of land adjoining this, fronting 33-12 feet on Main Street, owned by the Virginia Trust Company, until it was transferred by deed to Mr. Arents. The Misses Crenshaw were paid 314,000 cash for their property, while the Trust Company got 33,550 for the strip of land bought of it.

All the property was bought for Mr. Arents by Mr. Thomas F. Jeffress, but it is conveyed to Mr. Arents direct.

Mr. Arents is not in the city, but it is understood that the proposed theatre is to be the handsomeest building of its kind in the South, and that several sets of plans will be prepared at once, and considered by Mr. Arents would never build any but a first-class theatre."

If is also assured that work upon the

terday: "Mr. Arents would never bush any but a first-class theatre."

It is also assured that work upon the play-house will be commenced early in the spring so that it can be thrown open to the public at the opening of the theatrical season next fall.

It was the late Major Ginter's cherished ambition to build an up-to-date theatre in Richmond, and he had plans mapped out, which would have been carried into effect the a highlighen spared a year or

which would have been carried into el-fect had his life been spared a year or The Crenshaw residence is one of the finest in the city. It was built during the war by the late Lewis D. Crenshaw, Sr. The house is three stories high and has a

HAVE THE RIGHT TO OFFER BIDS

City Attorney's Views as to Certain Corporations.

ARE NOT DEBARRED.

No Matter if Councilmen Do Own Stock in the Companies.

PUBLIC WEAL IS AT STAKE.

If City Could Not Deal With Concerns Without Regard to Law as to Interest of City Fathers There Would Be Great Inconvenience.

Hon. H. R. Pollard, city attorney, has prepared an opinion to the effect that corporations are not debarred from contracting with the city because slockholders in them are members of the City Council. The city attorney has given this opinion by request in view of

the controversy growing out of the suggestion that Messrs, J. H. Lawler and W. H. Adams, members of the Council Committee on Accounts and Printing, might be stockholders in the Everett Waddey Company, where both are employed, the Waddey Company being a bidder for the contract to supply the city department with stationery during the year 1901.

It was stated at the meeting of the Committee on Accounts and Printing that neither of these gentlemen owned any stock in the Everett Waddey Company, and a letter addressed to the cleek of the committee, signed by the secretary and treasurer of the company, was to the effect that neither Mr. Lawder nor Mr. Adams owned any stock in the company between the dates mentioned in the communication asking for the information, November and that they were not at this time stock

Mr. Pollard, the City Attorney, holds, however, that a stockholder in a corpora-tion is not debarred from voting on a contract in which the company in which he is a stockholder is interested. In speaking of the matter, Mr. Pollard said if the contrary were the case the city would frequently be unable to borrow money, because members of the Committee on Finance are often stockholders or directors in the banks. He cited many other cases in which the city would necessarily suffer or be greatly inconve-nienced if Councilmen owning stock in corporations prevented the city from do-ing business with such concerns.

The following is the text of Mr. Pol-

CITY ATTORNEY'S LETTER.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 7, 1996.
Mr. J. H. Lawder,
Member of Board of Aldermen: Dear Sir,—Referring to your request to inform you whether a corporation can legally be a contractor with the city of Richmond, where a member of the City Council owns stock in said corporation, I matter is dependent upon section SE of the Code of Virginia, 1887, which, as far as it is pertinent to this enquiry, is in

ne following language:
"Section 823.—It shall not be lawful for Aldermen, or any other officer, or agent, or any commissioner appointed for the opening of streets, or any member of a committee constituted or appointed for the management, regulation or control of orporate property of any city, to be a contractor with the said corporation, or contractor with the said corporation, or its agents, or with such committee, for any work or labor ordered to be done, or goods, wares and merchandise or sup-plies of any kind ordered by the said corporation, or by such committee, to be purchased, or in any manner, directly

purchased, or in any manate, the try of indirectly, to be interested in the profits of any such contract."

While the question submitted is one of some doubt, yet, having in view the object of the Legislature in adopting this statute, and the inconvenience that would statute, and the contrary construction. I result from a contrary construction, I am of opinion that the mere fact that a am or opinion that the mere fact that a Councilman owns stock in a corporation does not render illegal a contract made between the city and such corporation.

Very truly yours.

(Signed) H. R. POLLARD.

City Attorney.

MINORITY REPORT.

Will Move for Additional Reductions in War Revenue. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The minority
members of the Ways and Means Committee are holding informal meetings in
order to prepare the minority report on order to prepare the minority report on the bill reducing the war taxes. The re-port will be submitted by Representative Richardson of Tennessee, on Monday. It is understood that the report will not op-pose the reductions proposed, but will present additional features to which the

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

· Local. -Killed in wreck at Clopton.
-Governor Tyler returns.
-New theatre now a certainty.
-Want the city redistricted.
-Sunday in the churches.
-No trouble at the postoffice
-Daring hold-up in Fultotn.

State. Ex-Senator W. A. Little, arrested in Washington on the charge of embezzlement, was bailed at Fredericksburg.

—William Bullock, for whom extradition papers were secured to-day, tore the bandages from his wounds at Portsmouth and died.

-Danville Light Infantry will not go to

Washington unless ordered to do so. Ge er l. -Minister speaks for the canteen before Senate Military Committee. -Presbyterian committee decide to recommend revision of creed. -Many injured in wreck in West Philadelphia. -Agreement on China in hands of State

Department.
-Fire in Baltimore does \$300,000 damforeign. age. -Dewet's capture considered a certainty.

-Kruger said to be seeking interview with Saisbury.